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## SPRING CATALOGUE

— Of Choice —

# Strawberry Plants



Buy Our Plants If You Want To Grow Fine Berries

GROWN AND FOR SALE BY

## B. F. MESSICK & SON

♻ ALLEN, MD. ♻

# Nineteen Hundred and Fifteen



It is with pleasure we are presenting our annual catalog, and we want to thank you all for your liberal patronage of the past seasons. It is gratifying to us, to note the constant patronage from year to year of the many customers who have thus favored us, and we are constantly endeavoring to conduct our business in such a manner that they will have no cause to question themselves as to where they can get orders of strawberry plants. The past season was very encouraging and we hope the trade is well pleased. We have always tried to do that which we think will please our customers and, if in any event, our customers have any suggestions that will help us to make our service more satisfactory, we will at any time be pleased to have their suggestions. We always pack in moss, in slatted or ventilated crates and try to make them as secure as can be for any distance of shipping. Our stock this season is larger than we have ever had before to offer, and we are in a position to handle any sized order and give inducing prices on individual or club orders, as in some sections several join together their small orders and make a large one, which by so doing enables them to have something to ask for a special consideration. We have always furnished you rates to your shipping point, and when desired and agreed upon place your orders at your shipping point charges paid. In desiring this information always give us the number of plants desired in thousands so that we will know exactly how to figure.

We have our order sheet attached next to our price list and the back of the same reserved for the names of your neighbors who may not be on our mailing list. If you will kindly write same on back of your order to us we will gladly remember you with extras of such varieties as you choose, or if left to us, we will use our best judgement in sending you something that we hope will please you.

We can be reached by mail, telephone and telegraph. Mail twice a day and telephone and telegraph, night or day. Our R. R. facilities are the Penn R. R. system and the Adams Express. This information may be of interest to all at some needed time, as in case of duplicating orders or making some desired changes.

Soliciting your future consideration, we are,

Very truly yours,

**B. F. MESSICK & SON.**

## Description of Varieties.

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**ABINGTON.**—Hails from Massachusetts and seems to be clamoring for the place of Bubach as it seems to be a better plant maker. The blossom is perfect and hardy. It sends up more fruit stalk, and ripens at the same time.

**AROMA.**—Some reports on this variety differ from our experience as some recommend its use to those who do not thin beds, but our experience has been with it for several years that it grows too thick for its kind and would do better if thinned out. Our beds last spring were nearly three feet wide, and plants set in proportion to the width, but the berries have shown up nicely.

**BUBACH, (P.)**—An old variety that has stood the test and one that grows on good soil cannot help but take pride in as the plants are healthy growers but limited in its plant-making qualities which gives it the advantage of not crowding and can always be depended on.

It is not as easily and economically grown as a number of other varieties but results are always gratifying. The demand has always been very heavy and every season orders for Bubach have to be returned, so if possible order early to be sure of getting what you want.

**TENN PROLIFIC.**—Produces abundantly and probably excels in number of quarts; is one of the old standards that you are thoroughly acquainted with, a very good variety to plant with pistillate varieties; a most excellent grower of a perfectly healthy foliage, berries large, firm, good flavor but rough in outline, many of the first being coxcombed, an excellent variety for careless culture.

**SAMPLE.**—(P)—This variety is of such a nature that all growers should include it in their selections, as our Samples past year were fine and full. Had them planted in a little springy place and the yield was large. The quality is fine and quite firm and made a good showing in the crates, as the berries color all over at once. It has generally given satisfaction.

**ST. LOUIS.**—Seems to be favorably considered by those looking for earliness and would no doubt take the place of some of the other early kind but for the fact of it not having the shipping qualities. The berries are a little too soft to ship a long distance but by the originator is claimed to pay well where tried as the time for reaping the crop is short and enables the grower to get the crop off when prices are the best. Ripens the time of Climax.





**CHESAPEAKE.**—The impression of this variety, of those who possibly know it better than we do, is that it is here to stay, that its shipping and picking qualities also its productiveness and length of season for ripening is greatly favored and will give it favor by a heavy percentage of the berry growers. We have not fruited it but have seen it fruited and our experience from observation is, that it is a shy runner and producer but matures all berries to a creditable size and evenness that is commendable and from this fact may produce as many quarts as the average berry. The foliage is a very dark green and free from rust and combination of quality and firmness is unusual.

**CLYDE.**—Our crop this year was something immense with large berries and held up unusually well during fruiting season. Berries as large as Bubach and did well, generally being of a good color and ship well.

**PARSONS.**—Our friendly feelings for this variety are yet the same, as it has so far proven entirely satisfactory with us. The plant is a large strong grower resembling the Bubach in some respects, having a long broad leaf with strong roots. Being a strong, perfect bloomer, it is a desirable variety to plant with pistillate sorts.





CLIMAX

**CLIMAX.**—The popularity of this medium early berry is best illustrated to us by the growing demand shown by its position in a very heavy per cent. of the orders received. It is very productive and its berries are very uniform in shape and regular in size, good shipping qualities and color. Reports show immense yield while ours has not been anything to boast of but circumstances have been very much against it. Last year after being wet so long the dry weather came just in a time they most needed rain, but we can heartily recommend it to all who desire a medium early variety.

**CORSICAN.**—Resembles the New York in every particular so far as we can see and in noticing our description of the New York you will have our ideas of the Corsican.

**GLEN MARY.**—In this climate and soil the results are not as satisfactory as in other sections as the yearly output speaks in its favor and reports show its marvelous and size. The vines grow with us nicely but seem to rust about fruiting time which has impeded its popularity in this section. Have a nice lot of plants and we are prepared to furnish the largest orders.



EXCELSIOR.

**EXCELSIOR.**—The desire of growers of berries is to get a plant that is early and prolific. To them we recommend this variety, it being a faultless grower and makes a profusion of runners that root readily. When earliness is desired we think Excelsior the kind. It often puts forth blossoms so early that the late frosts and cool weather make the berries imperfect and destroys some of the blossoms and with us the size gets small after a few pickings, but being so early a few pickings brings in larger net receipts than other varieties that have the advantage of harvesting the entire crop. Ripens a day or two ahead of the Michael's Early.

**GANDY.**—Is very extensively grown here and has proven to be quite a money maker. Until a year or so ago was the favorite of the West but the Aroma seems to be taking its place. The estimate for harvesting has been five thousand quarts per acre but think this has been reduced somewhat. The crop is harvested in about eight days and seems always to revive a demoralized market by its nice size and shipping qualities.

**WARFIELD.**—A very popular variety in some places, while with us it has never done much but on account of our heavy demand we grow a nice lot of of plants.

**WM. BELT.**—A good seller in fancy markets and seems to be improving each season; shows but little rust, of large size, a little flattened or coxcombed but very attractive when picked. Did very well this season; it colors perfectly.

**SEN. DUNLAP.**—A variety that has come to be in surprising demand. Its only drawback with us is its tendency to make too many runners that set very thick. It seems to grow well in different soils, handles well and arrives in good condition, wonderfully productive and generally brings every berry to maturity and seems to hold its own under rough and tumble treatment.



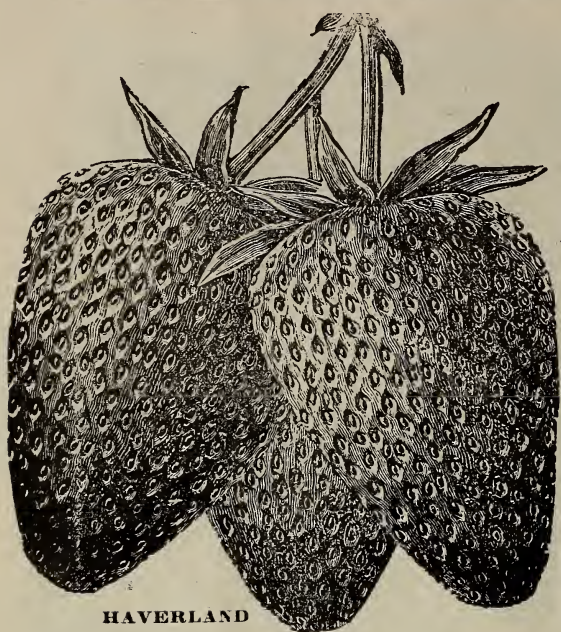


**KLONDYKE.**—Reports from the same sources at different times differ and some who have not been favorably impressed with it before ripening time have been decidedly changed after the crop had been harvested. At time of blossoming it seems to make an immense number which seems to gradually disappear, some perfect and some imperfect, and leave the stem looking deserted, but as the time of harvesting comes on, berries come, and yields as high as six thousand quarts per acre have been reported. It is growing in favor in this section. Plants are a very vigorous grower making a great many runners and the berries are very firm, good color, smooth, round and even shape and only a little rust. Ripens a little earlier than Lady Thomsom.

**MARSHALL.**—The plant is very large and makes but few runners. It is a singular grower but greatly admired for its berries of great size and most excellent qualities. Blossoms are not numerous but all develop into large, dark, glossy red and beautiful berries.

**MICHAEL'S EARLY.**—Among the extra early kind, medium in size, a great producer of plants and berries; berries; scarlet in color, and eaten from the vine there are none better. An old variety that needs but little description.

**NEW YORK.**—A fancy berry for fancy trade. Produces a large crop of very large, bright red berries that are about as firm as Bubach. Plants of an immense size and only runners enough to make a bed of a desired thickness to fruit well, Time of ripening mid-season.

**HAVERLAND, (P)—**

So far the Haverland has increased its popularity notwithstanding its age and the localities in which it is planted, is possibly more numerous than any other variety on the list. It comes with the earliest mid season kinds and always brings a heavy crop of nice big berries, regular in outline, somewhat long in shape, good color and a good shipper




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## PRICE LIST

	By Freight or Express			By Mail		
	—Purchaser to pay Trans. Charges—			—Postpaid—		
	1000	500	100	100	25	12
Abington .....	\$2 75	\$1 50	\$0 40	\$0 60	\$0 30	\$0 20
Aroma .....	2 75	1 50	40	60	30	50
Bubach.....	3 00	1 60	80	65	35	25
Chesapeake .....	4 00	2 00	1 10	75	35	25
Climax .....	2 75	1 50	40	60	30	20
Clyde.....	3 00	1 60	80	65	35	25
Early Ozark.....	2 75	1 50	50	60	30	20
Excelsior .....	2 75	1 50	50	60	30	20
Fairfield.....	2 75	1 50	50	60	30	20
Gandy .....	2 95	1 50	50	60	30	25
Glen Mary .....	3 00	1 60	80	65	35	20
Haverland P .....	2 75	1 60	80	60	30	20
Klondyke .....	2 75	1 60	80	60	30	20
Michaels Early .....	2 75	1 60	80	60	30	20
Marshall.....	4 00	2 00	1 00	75	35	25
New York .....	3 50	2 00	1 00	70	30	20
Parsons Beauty.....	2 5	1 60	80	60	30	20
Sampe P.....	2 75	1 60	80	60	30	20
Senator Dunlap .....	2 75	1 60	80	60	30	20
St Louis .....	2 75	1 60	80	60	30	20
Tennessee .....	2 75	1 60	80	60	30	20
Warfield P.....	2 75	1 60	80	60	30	20
Wm Belt .....	3 00	1 60	80	60	35	20

Varieties marked P must have some perfect-blooming kind planted near them.







# What and How We Sell

Strawberry plants true to name and at considerate prices. Our plants are well cleaned, carefully labeled and neatly tied in bunches of twenty-five each. We have been accustomed to tying fifty to the bunch but find twenty-fives to be more satisfactory handling and packing especially late in the season.

We make no charges for boxing, etc. Prices herein covers all cost delivered to express or freight office.

While we take every precaution to have our plants strictly true to name, should any happen to be otherwise, it is agreed that we are not to be held responsible for more than the amount paid for said stock.

WE IN NO CASE SUBSTITUTE UNLESS SO DIRECTED. Certificate of inspection with every shipment.

We have before stated, for the benefit of buyers that the rate can always be obtained from your Adams Express Agent to through points, and as a basis we have found a single thousand to weigh about 25 pounds, three thousand and up 20 pounds per thousand, and in orders of 5000 and up we pack in slatted crates holding about five thousand; of course different varieties vary, but this is a fair basis.

**REMITTANCES:**—Should be made by Money Orders on Allen, Md., or by Express on Eden, Md.

**REFERENCES:**—Bank of Somerset, Princess Anne, Md.; Express Co., Eden, Md.; Postmaster, Allen, Md., and our customers, U. S. and Australia.

**PACKING:**—We personally see to the packing of all our plants because we recognize this to be of vital importance for the future good of both of us. Good plants and good customers are often ruined by being poorly packed, especially when destined for a long shipment.

**ORDER EARLY:**—When conditions will permit have plants shipped early, and in all cases as early as possible. Plants weigh less and live better.

**LOST ORDERS:**—Every order is acknowledged by card, and should you not hear from us in a few days write us, as you may rest assured that order or acknowledgment has gone astray.

**RECOGNIZED ORDERS:**—We will greatly appreciate it if all customers will notify us on receipt of their order, as oft times an order may be delayed, and we know nothing at all about it, while if we are notified we will soon learn the time required for transit and be enabled to give you a closer consideration and hasten your shipment.

**ORDERS:**—Write your name and address plainly. Always give shipping directions, whether by freight or express, and name of freight or express office.

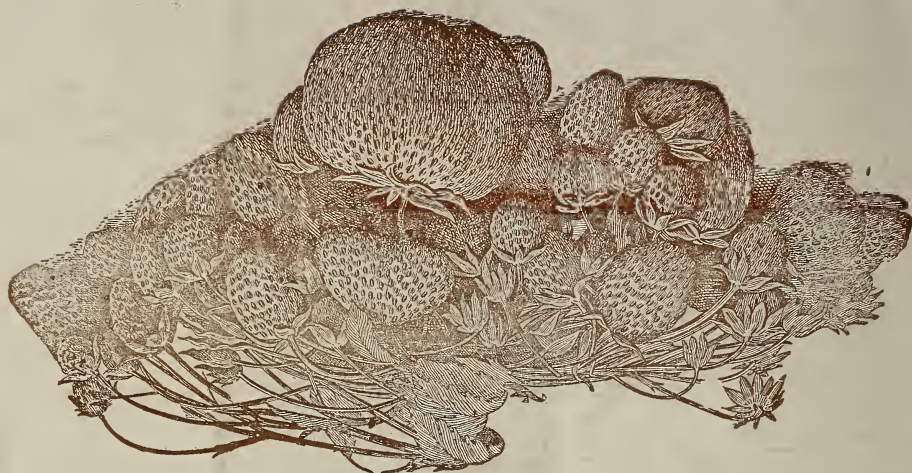
When writing always give your name, postoffice and State, so as to insure a speedy reply.

When ordering do not request large amounts to be sent by mail only at mail rates.

**AT RISK OF PURCHASER:**—All plants are packed with equal interest as to their safe arrival, but plants shipped by freight are at purchaser's risk, as the transportation companies are too likely to delay and cause the plants to damage, which, of course, we have no way of overcoming.

**GUARANTEE:**—We guarantee all plants shipped by express and properly attended to on arrival.

**OUR TERMS:**—Cash in advance. Cash must accompany order.



## NUMBER OF PLANTS REQUIRED TO SET AN ACRE OF GROUND AT A GIVEN DISTANCE.

24-in. rows, set 12 in. apart in row, 21,780.	36-in. rows, set 18 in. apart in row, 9,080.
30-in. rows, set 12 in. apart in row, 17,424.	42-in. rows, set 18 in. apart in row, 8,297.
36-in. rows, set 12 in. apart in row, 14,520.	48-in. rows, set 18 in. apart in row, 7,260.
42-in. rows, set 12 in. apart in row, 12,446.	24-in. rows, set 24 in. apart in row, 10,890.
48-in. rows, set 12 in. apart in row, 10,890.	30-in. rows, set 24 in. apart in row, 8,712.
24-in. rows, set 15 in. apart in row, 17,424.	36-in. rows, set 24 in. apart in row, 7,260.
30-in. rows, set 15 in. apart in row, 13,939.	42-in. rows, set 24 in. apart in row, 6,223.
36-in. rows, set 15 in. apart in row, 11,616.	48-in. rows, set 24 in. apart in row, 5,445.
42-in. rows, set 15 in. apart in row, 9,953.	24-in. rows, set 30 in. apart in row, 8,712.
48-in. rows, set 15 in. apart in row, 8,712.	30-in. rows, set 30 in. apart in row, 6,969.
24-in. rows, set 18 in. apart in row, 14,520.	36-in. rows, set 30 in. apart in row, 5,308.
30-in. rows, set 18 in. apart in row, 11,616.	42-in. rows, set 30 in. apart in row, 4,976.
	48-in. rows, set 30 in. apart in row, 4,356.

## Certificate of Nursery Inspection No. 16

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That on the 3d day of September 1914, we examined the Nursery Stock of B. F. MESSICK & SON, growing in their nurseries at Salisbury, County of Wicomico, State of Maryland, in accordance with the laws of Maryland, 1898, CHAPTER 289, SECTION 58, and that said nurseries and premises are apparently free, so far as can be determined by inspection, from the San Jose Scale, Peach Yellows, Pear Blight and other dangerously injurious insect pests and plant diseases.

This Certificate is invalid after August 1st, 1915, and does not include nursery stock not grown within this State, unless such stock is previously covered by certificate and accepted by the State Entomologist and State Pathologist.

College Park, Md.,  
Sept. 7, 1914.

THOMAS B. SYMONS,  
State Entomologist.  
J. B. S. NORTON,  
State Pathologist.